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INFM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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AMEMBASSY SANAA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT POUCH

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SUBJ: PROGRAM TRAINING - OMAN AND BAHRAIN

SUMMARY: ICT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TENTATIVELY FOR BAHRAIN
SUBJECT TO PC/ WASH CONCURRENCE. ALL ASPECTS OF ICT POSSIBLE
IN BAHRAIN. FSR ON TDY NEEDED ASAP IN BAHRAIN. ICT IN OMAN NOT
RPT NOT PRACTICABLE AT THIS TIME HOWEVER QUITE POSSIBLE IN
FUTURE. MET WITH STOLTZFUS AND STAFF TO DISCUSS ADMIN SUPPORT
REQS. EMBASSY FEELS PC PROGRAM WILL NOT RPT NOT MEET OBJECTIVES
UNLESS EMBASSY ADMIN SUPPORT REQ'S ARE MET. END SUMMARY

1. OMAN: ICT IN OMAN NOT PRACTICABLE FOR THIS GROUP NO SITE
AVAILABLE WITHIN NECESSARY TIME FRAME. EDUC/ AG/ HEALTH MINISTRIES
DO NOT HAVE MANPOWER CAPABILITIES FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING NOW.
SUGGEST GO WITH PLAN FOR TRAINING OMAN GROUP IN YEMEN WHERE
FACILITIES AND CAPABILITY EXISTS.

A. LANGUAGE INFORMANTS: US EMBASSY IN MUSCAT HAS LOCATED THREE
(3) EXTRA LANGUAGE INFORMANTS TO REPLACE THOSE NOT AVAILABLE
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NOW IN BEIRUT. HOWEVER IN EVENT THAT THESE NEW PEOPLE DISENGAGE BEFORE TRAINING START IN YEMEN SUGGEST OMAN TRAINEES STUDY YEMENI ARABIC. EXTRA YEMENI INFORMANTS ARE AVAILABLE IN SANAA AND IT IS BETTER FOR OMAN TRAINEES TO STUDY YEMENI ARABIC THAN NO ARABIC. QUINLAN CONCURS.

B. ARRIVAL IN OMAN: AT COMPLETION OF TRAINING IN YEMEN OMAN PCVS CAN GET TO MUSCAT VIA REGULAR FLIGHTS ON A STAGGERED BASIS AS NECESSARY. THIS WILL ENABLE SMOOTHER TRANSPORT FROM AIR PORT

TO HOUSING SITES AS WELL.

C. PCV HOUSING: OMAN MINISTRIES OF EDUC AND HEALTH HAVE FORMALLY GUARANTEED HOUSING FOR PCVS. AG MINISTRY HAS GIVEN VERBAL ASSURANCE AND IS NOW MAKING SPECIFIC PLANS. QUINLAN SEES NO PROBLEM.

D. PC STAFF OFFICE: SPACE AVAILABLE IN US EMB. BASEMENT WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO OUTSIDE. QUITE ADEQUATE AND COMFORTABLE.

E. PC STAFF HOUSING: THERE ARE FIVE ALTERNATIVES. HOUSING IN SHORT SUPPLY AND VERY EXPENSIVE. SAW SUITABLE APARTMENT WITH TWO (2) BEDROOMS FOR ABOUT \$800 PER MONTH. AFTER PC GAINS IN COUNTRY EXPERIENCE OTHER HOUSING MAY BE IDENTIFIED. CONCUR WITH QUINLAN/ BITAR THAT PC SHOULD GO WITH THIS FOR NOW. QUINLAN NEEDS PC AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE CONTRACT FOR PC STAFF HOUSE AND PROVISION OF FURNITURE ASAP.

F. PCV ALLOWANCES: \$240 MONTHLY ALLOWANCE IS NOT RPT NOT EXCESSIVE FOR OMAN.

2. BAHRAIN: TOTAL ICT IN BAHRAIN IS ARRANGED. ALL ASPECTS OF LANG XCUL AND TECH ORIENTATION ACCOUNTED FOR. LANGUAGE INFORMANTS ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY IF THOSE FROM BEIRUT CANNOT COME TO MANAMA. XCUL INFORMANTS CAN BE PROVIDED LOCALLY FROM MINISTRIES AND LOCAL PROFESSIONALS BOTH HCN AND EX PATRIATE.

A. TECHNICAL TRAINING: CAN BE PROVIDED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR THE NURSES AND LAB TECH. MRS FAYE AND MR GROSVENOR ARE CONTACTS AND WILL BE IN CHARGE. TEACHERS WILL BE TRAINED AT EDUC MINISTRY. MRS S AUBRY IS THE CONTACT AND RESPONSIBLE PERSON
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THERE.

B. TRAINING SITE. CAPITAL HOTEL CAN PROVIDE ROOM AND THREE (3) MEALS PER DAY FOR \$17 (SEVENTEEN) PER PERSON PER DAY. THIS FIGURE HOWEVER CHANGES WITH FLUCTUATING DOLLAR. ROOMS FOR CLASSES ALSO AVAILABLE AT \$12 (12) PER DAY AS NECESSARY. HOTEL NEEDS ONE WEEK NOTICE OF ARRIVAL FOR ROOM GUARANTEE.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT PROVIDED BY HOTEL. MANAGER OF HOTEL IS MR S JAMAL? BOX 153, BAHRAIN, ARAB GULF. HE CAN BE REACHED BY CABLE THROUGH USEMBASSY. CAPITAL HOTEL IS SMALL LOCAL PLACE NEAR MARKET. EXCELLENT SITE FOR XCUL EXPERIENCE AND ROOMS ARE COMFORTABLE AND AIR CONDITIONED. OTHER HOTELS ARE AVAILABLE BUT CAPITAL IS MOST REASONABLE AND ADEQUATE. OTHERS ARE EITHER DOUBLE THE PRICE OR OTHERWISE UNACCEPTABLE.

C. STAFFING; FSR ESSENTIAL HERE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAINING IN BAHRAIN. USEMFOSSY HAS MADE INITIAL CONTACTS WITH GOVT ALONG WITH BITAR BUT EMBASSY LACKS PERSONNEL AND ABILITY TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH IMPLEMENTATION. ONE PSC FROM BEIRUT WILL COORD AREA STUDIES BUT WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT OR QUALIFIED FOR NECESSARY ADMIN SUPPORT AND AUTHORITY. SUGGEST DICK BURNS TDY ASAP. SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ARABIC VERY IMPORTANT. AFTER FSR GETS BAHRAIN TRAINING UNDERWAY HE SHOULD GO TO OMAN TO HELP ARRANGE DETAILS FOR ARRIVAL OF OMAN PCVS BEING TRAINED IN YEMEN. IF FSR TDY IMPRACTICABLE SUGGEST BAHRAIN GROUP TRAIN IN YEMEN WITH OMAN GROUP IN LANG AND XCUL AND THEN ARRIVE IN BAHRAIN IN SEPT FOR TECHNICAL ORIENTATION. THIS SHOULD BE LAST RESORT POSITION ONLY.

3. ADMIN SUPPORT: EMBASSY KUWAIT STANDS FIRM ON ADMIN SUPPORT REQS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED. FEELS PC POSITION/ SUGGESTION OF 1 FRS UND 1 FSL IN OMAN/ BAHRAIN NOT REPEAT NOT PRACTICABLE.

4. ICT OMAN: OMAN GOVT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PC ARRIVAL. THERE ARE TRAINING SITES POSSIBLE IN OMAN FOR SUBSEQUENT GROUPS. STOLTZFUS

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